

BOGART T. CONKLING

Former Sheriff Somerset County.

Visited Phillips Farm Saturday morning, September 16, 1922 with Detective Totten, County Physician Long and Totten's Assistant Novatto and saw a police officer, several other people and the bodies. Stayed two hours or over and was there when the bodies were taken away by Undertaker Sutphen of Somerville, and Joseph Dumond. The ground under the heads was blood stained but there was no sign of a struggle. Clothing in excellent condition. Saw a gash in right side of Mrs. Mill's throat. Looked for evidence, though no automobile tracks. Saw between the bodies some cards, letters and automobile license. Later a gentleman's handkerchief of medium size was handed to him. Gave all these things to Detective Totten with a cartridge also found, the letters and cards being wrapped in the handkerchief. Sometime after Sheriff arrived Senator Florance identified Mr. Hall but not Mrs. Mills. Someone else looked at Mrs. Mills and said "that is her".

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August 18, 1926

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TESTIFIED (pages 577 et seq.):

Visited Phillips Farm on Saturday morning, September 16 with Detective Totten, County Physician William H. Long, and Totten's assistant Novatto (577).

He saw a police officer, several people and the bodies. (577).

Clothes in excellent condition. Faces mortified. (578)

Saw deep gash in right side of throat (578).

Did not look for automobile tracks. Did look for other evidence (579).

Found between bodies some cards, letters, and automobile license. Later gentleman's handkerchief, medium size, handed to him. (579)

Gave things found to Detective Totten (579).

Mr. Florance identified Dr. Hall (580).

Sometime after Sheriff arrived (580).

Florance did not say who woman was. (580)

Someone else looked at Mrs. Mills and said "that is her". (581)

Did not know exactly time of arrival at bodies. Stayed two hours or over, being there when bodies were taken away (581).

Bodies taken by Undertaker Sutphen of Somerville and

Joseph Dumond (582).

Wrapped the letters and the cards with the handkerchief.

Put shell in vest pocket (583).

Ground under heads blood stained. Did not notice color. No sign of a struggle (583).

CROSSEXAMINATION:

No signs of a struggle (584).